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GREY SQUIRREL

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTROL GREY SQUIRRELS ON YOUR LAND AND YOU DO NOT NEED A LICENCE TO DO SO

Squirrels are protected by the **Wild Mammal Protection Act 1996**, preventing their **ill treatment** and therefore you must dispatch them humanely. It is illegal to use a bow, crossbow, any explosive other than ammunition for a firearm or a live decoy.

Natural England recommends cage trapping followed by humane dispatch

Types approved: Single catch, live catch and spring catch traps (not recommended in domestic places)

1. Place traps near closed spaces such as brickwork.
2. Bait the trap with whole yellow maize, peanuts, wheat or a mixture. Avoid stocking bird tables while trapping.
3. Inspect traps once a day for caught squirrels.
4. Dispatch of caught squirrels humanely—run into a sack with a sharp blow to the head or shoot with a suitable licensed weapon.

DROWNING IS ILLEGAL

DISPOSAL

Carcasses should be removed of **discretely** by **burning, burying** or **refuse collection** (providing they are wrapped securely).